Amendment No. 6 to HB1114

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AMEND Senate Bill No. 407*

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by adding the following new sections immediately preceding the last section and by renumbering the subsequent section accordingly:

SECTION ____. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 2, Chapter 8, Part 1, is amended by adding the following language as a new, appropriately designated section:

§ 2-8-117. Notwithstanding the provisions of any law to the contrary, if, after all votes have been counted in any election, the vote margin separating the two (2) candidates receiving the greatest number of votes is within one-half (1/2) of one percent (1%) of the total votes cast in that election; then, prior to certification of the results, an automatic and complete recount of all ballots cast in the election shall be conducted in accordance with the rules of the state election commission. The recount shall be supervised and moderated by the state election commission or its official designees and shall be observed by the candidates or their official designees. The coordinator of elections is authorized to promulgate rules and regulations to develop procedures for recounts which shall take into account each type of election machine used in this state. All such rules and regulations shall be promulgated in accordance with the provisions of Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4, Chapter 5.

SECTION ____. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 2-8-101(a), is amended by adding the following language at the end of the subsection:

However, if an automatic and complete recount of all ballots cast in an election is required by the provisions of § 2-8-117, then the deadline for the county election commission to certify the results of that election shall be extended at least one (1) week. For good cause, the deadline may be extended further at the discretion of the state election commission.

SECTION ____. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 2-17-117, is amended by adding the following language as a new, appropriately designated subsection:

(c) If an automatic and complete recount of all ballots cast in an election is conducted in accordance with the requirements of § 2-8-117, then an additional recount pursuant to this section shall not be ordered.